

We, in North Carolina, support our veterans. Just last week, Raleigh, in my district, was named the best place in the country for veterans to live.

Mr. Speaker, let's strive to make every community an incredible place for our veterans to call home.

AMERICA FIRST

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, recently we saw yard signs across our Nation proclaiming "America First."

To put America first should mean defending our people against all enemies, foreign and domestic. That is a daunting task, indeed. No nation, including ours, is an island in a world where nuclear weapons, predatory armed submarines, cyber warfare, and space technologies encircle our globe and are ever-present threats.

Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine reminds all of us that no freedom-loving nation can fold its tent. Liberty threatened by known expansionists and fervent regimes threaten world order. Russia is testing the resolve of NATO and our free world.

I am old enough to have lived during an era in which Russia's historic aggression into territory that was not its own extended as far west as East Berlin, Germany.

Russia is repeating its brutal history yet again on the European Continent, a continent in which our Nation's World War II war dead reached 183,588 and globally over 416,800.

Our Nation cannot retreat from our alliances that protect us here at home and the rule of law the world around. Victory to Ukraine.

REMEMBERING THE LIVES OF LAVEL DAVIS, JR., DEVIN CHANDLER, AND D'SEAN PERRY

(Ms. SPANBERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I stand here as a Virginian, a UVA alumna, and a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives to remember the UVA football teammates who were shot and killed earlier this week.

For the University of Virginia, it has been an unimaginable loss for their families, and it has been an unthinkable reality.

This week, we remember Lavel Davis, Jr. We remember Devin Chandler. We remember D'Sean Perry.

Both on the field and off the field, their classmates, their coaches, their professors, and their loved ones saw their commitment to success. They saw their selflessness, their curiosity, and their determination to make the University of Virginia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and our Nation a stronger place.

Please join me in remembering their lives, honoring their memories, and standing strong as their families mourn. We also stand with the University of Virginia student body, professors, the community, the entire football team, and all those who are impacted by this horrific loss.

We also pray for the recovery of Michael Hollins, Jr., as he and his family continue on the long road to healing.

This week has demonstrated the resilience of the UVA community. May we forever remember the lives that were lost: Lavel Davis, Jr., Devin Chandler, and D'Sean Perry.

RECOGNIZING THERESE MCMILLAN

(Mr. DESAULNIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a friend and a dedicated public servant, Therese McMillan, who is retiring as executive director of the San Francisco Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Therese began her work with MTC in 1984 and then moved to the Federal Transit Administration, most notably as the acting administrator from 2014 to 2016. In 2019, Therese returned to the MTC as its new executive director.

Under her leadership, MTC established an Equity Platform to advance policies and make investments that will ensure all residents of the San Francisco Bay Area are considered when discussing the bay area's transit needs. She also helped to establish minimum housing density targets near transit stations to foster ridership.

I have had the pleasure of working with Therese over the years. She has always been smart, kind, and dedicated to doing what is best. Please join me in congratulating Therese on a magnificent career of public service and wishing her the best on her retirement and her nearly three decades of service to our community.

CERVICAL CANCER ELIMINATION DAY OF ACTION

(Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cervical Cancer Elimination Day of Action.

Two years ago, the World Health Organization launched a global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer by 2030. Last year, the WHO announced a partnership with Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, part of the University of Miami's Health System, designating it the first WHO Collaborating Centre for Cervical Cancer Elimination.

Across the globe, one woman dies every 2 minutes from cervical cancer, even though the disease is preventable, treatable, detectable, and curable.

Here at home, according to the CDC, 13,000 new cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed, and 4,000 women die of this preventable and treatable cancer every year. Cervical cancer disproportionately affects Hispanic and Black women.

Social determinants of health such as income, lack of access to the internet, race, geographic location, and limited access to transportation often impact women's ability to obtain needed prevention, screening, and treatment for cervical cancer. This is why I wanted to highlight Sylvester's work on developing new cost-efficient tests for HPV, improve treatment options to prolong survival, and increasing screening through mobile outreach campaigns.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Sylvester's focus on decreasing cancer disparities across South Florida and beyond.

ABORTION RIGHTS ARE A KITCHEN TABLE ISSUE

(Ms. JACOBS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACOBS of California. Mr. Speaker, the debate is officially over: abortion rights are a kitchen table issue.

Last week, abortion rights were on the ballot in five States. Abortion rights went five for five, not only in what are considered blue States, like California and Vermont, but in a battleground State like Michigan, and red States like Montana and Kentucky.

Abortion was one of the top issues that motivated people to vote. That is because, for me and for millions of women, reproductive healthcare is our healthcare. That is why women showed up at the ballot box to defend abortion rights. That is why we need to do the same in Congress.

The House has already passed legislation to protect the right to access an abortion and contraception and protect those who cross State lines to access an abortion.

We need to do more. The House needs to pass the My Body, My Data Act, to create a new national standard to protect reproductive and sexual health data. The Senate needs to step up and abolish the filibuster so we can finally protect abortion rights at the Federal level.

Mr. Speaker, the voters spoke loud and clear. It is time to hear them and to act.

NEW MEXICANS VOTE TO INVEST IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

(Ms. STANSBURY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today after a historic election in New Mexico and across the United States in which voters voted to not only uphold our democracy, our basic rights, but the continued fight to serve our communities. That includes the passage of